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Dear Dr. Lough:

This is the response by the Municipal Electric Power Association of Virginia (MEPAV) to your letter requesting comments relating to the implications of the requirements of Senate Bill 783, enacted by the 2005 General Assembly.

MEPAV believes the present authority of the Commission to consider underground alternatives to overhead transmission lines is currently sufficient and remains unchanged by the legislation.

Regarding the specific questions you requested comments on:

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
5. No

At this time, MEPAV does not recommend any additional changes in the law or current SCC procedures as it relates to the siting of underground transmission lines.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Bly
President, MEPAV

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